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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/037,976
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For: OPTICAL SWITCH
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MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2004, which provides for a response period ending May 3, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: